

Forever Wild Program Acquisitions

CURRENT AS OF 1/7/2004

1. **THE MONSANTO TRACT** in Marshall County consists of 209 acres of a mountainous, pine-hardwood covered peninsula on Lake Guntersville that is being managed as both an extension of Guntersville State Park and to provide nesting habitat for the growing local population of Bald Eagles.

Location: T7S, R4E, portions of Sections 10, 15, 21& 22
Mgmt. Objectives: undeveloped outdoor recreation and Bald Eagle habitat
Date Acquired: September 13, 1994
Property Value: approximately \$141,000

2. **THE WEHLE TRACT** in Bullock County consists of 1,505 acres of rolling pine hills and hardwood branch bottoms that will be used for public recreation and a nature preserve. A portion of it will ultimately be included in the adjacent Barbour County Wildlife Management Area.

Location: T12N, R26E, portions of Sections 6, 7, 8, 17 & 18
Mgmt. Objectives: Wildlife conservation, recreation, natural heritage protection and environmental education
Date Acquired: October 28, 1994
Property Value: approximately \$2,000,000

3. **THE COON CREEK TRACT** in Tallapoosa County consists of 320 acres of a pine-hardwood creek valley on Yates Lake that is being managed for a public recreational site, a nature preserve and an environmental education study area.

Location: T19N, R22E, in Sections 28 & 29
Mgmt. Objectives: Undeveloped outdoor recreation, natural heritage protection and environmental education
Date Acquired: February 1, 1995
Property Value: approximately \$350,000

4. **THE GRAND BAY SAVANNA TRACT** in Mobile County consists of 2,734 acres of coastal marsh and flatwoods, just onshore of the Gulf of Mexico, that is being managed as a nature preserve.

Location: T7S, R3W, parts of Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31& 39; and T8S, R3W, Section 5
Mgmt. Objectives: Conservation of coastal wetland & maritime forest ecosystems, passive recreation, environmental education, scientific research
Date Acquired: May 7, 1996
Property Value: approximately \$642,000

5. **THE RIGGINS TRACT** in Lowndes County consists of 624 acres in a mosaic of upland and bottomland hardwoods, pine plantations and open fields on gently rolling alluvial land within Alabama's black belt that is being managed, along with other federal and state land acquisitions in the area, as part of the Lowndes Wildlife Management Area.

Location: T16N, R15E, Sections 19 & 30
Mgmt. Objectives: Public hunting
Date Acquired: September 26, 1996
Property Value: approximately \$727,000

6. **THE FORT TOULOUSE TRACT** in Elmore County consists of 254 acres upland pine-hardwood forest land along the Alabama River that has a long natural history that includes the development of Native American cultures, the interaction between Indian and European cultures and the development of the American State of Alabama.

Location: Elmore Co.; T18N, R18E, Sections 27 & 34
Mgmt. Objectives: Historic preservation and research, passive outdoor recreation and wildlife management
Date Acquired: May 27, 1997
Property Value: approximately \$754,000

7. **THE INDIAN MOUNTAIN TRACT** in Cherokee County consists of 514 acres of mountainous upland hardwood forest land along a route which will permit the connection of the Pinhoti Trail in the Talledega National Forest of Alabama with the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia.

Location: T11S, R11E, Section 36
T11S, R12E, Section 31
T12S, R11E, Section 1
Mgmt. Objectives: Facilitate long-distance hiking and other compatible, non-consumptive land uses
Date Acquired: September 18, 1997 and September 15, 1998
Property Value: approximately \$250,000

8. **THE BLAKELEY ADDITION TRACT** in Baldwin County consists of 420 acres of upland pine-hardwoods and bottomland hardwood forests on hilly land at the edge of the Mobile Delta marshlands. In addition to the wild, undeveloped landscape there are also several historical features to interpret and recreational opportunities to take advantage of. This tract has been used by prehistoric Indian societies, European pioneers, early American settlers, Civil War soldiers and generations of farmers.

Location: T3 & 4S, R1 & 2E, Secs 6, 36, 41, 42, 43
Mgmt. Objectives: Historic preservation and interpretation, outdoor recreation and wildlife management
Date Acquired: January 28, 1998
Property Value: approximately \$708,500

9. **THE BLOWING SPRINGS CAVE TRACT** in Lauderdale County has cave habitat that is vital to the threatened gray bat. This 60 acre property will be preserved primarily to protect the existing and future population of this species at this location.

Location: T2S, R7W, Section 19
Mgmt. Objectives: Contribute to the recovery of the threatened gray bat in the southeastern United States
Date Acquired: April 15, 1998
Property Value: approximately \$122,000

10. **THE BIG COVE CREEK TRACT** in Madison County consists of 197 acres of mountainous upland hardwood forest land on the eastern edge of Huntsville that is being managed as a part of Monte Sano State Park.

Location: T4S, R1E, parts of Sections 3 & 10
Mgmt. Objectives: undeveloped outdoor recreation
Date Acquired: September 4, 1998
Property Value: approximately \$558,000

11. **THE COLDWATER MOUNTAIN (GHEE NATURE PRESERVE) TRACT** in Calhoun County consists of 3,924 acres of a high, pine-hardwood covered mountain along Interstate Highway 20 that casts its shadow onto portions of Anniston and Oxford.

Location: T16S, R7E, parts of Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23,
24, 26, 27, 28, 29
T16S, R8E, parts of Sections 7, 18, 19
Mgmt. Objectives: undeveloped outdoor recreation
Date Acquired: October 2, 1998
Property Value: approximately \$2,530,000

12. **THE PIKE COUNTY POCOSIN TRACT** of 190 acres supports two unique plant communities: an uncommon scrub-hardwood/longleaf pine/reindeer moss vegetation type and an unusual evergreen plant community occurring in deep ravines on the site.

Location: T9N, R21E, Section 1 and T9N, R22E, Section 6
Mgmt. Objectives: conservation of Alabama's unique "pocosin" ecosystem
Date Acquired: January 20, 1999
Property Value: approximately \$226,000

13. **THE EAGLE ROOST VIEW** in Marshall County is 17 acres of steep, mixed pine-hardwood covered property between Alabama Highway 227 and Guntersville State Park. The tract provides 2,000 feet of frontage for watching eagles across Town Creek Canyon.

Location: T7S, R5E, Sections 4 & 5
Mgmt. Objectives: secured public view of bald eagle roost habitat
Date Acquired: February 4, 1999
Property Value: approximately \$15,000

- 14. THE SIPSEY SULLIVAN TRACT** in Tuscaloosa County is 2,998 acres of bottomland hardwood forest and swamp lands along the flood plains of the Sipsey River. The Tract will be managed for public outdoor recreational and educational opportunities.

Location: T21S, R12W, Sect. 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 29, 31, 32
T22S, R12W, Sections 5 & 6
Mgmt. Objectives: habitat preservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: June 14, 1999
Property Value: approximately \$3,563,000

- 15. THE MOBILE DELTA TRACT** in Baldwin and Mobile Counties is comprised of 35,795 acres of bottomland hardwoods, cypress/tupelo swamps, bogs, marshes and a variety of other wetland habitat types interspersed amid abundant water ways of rivers, creeks, sloughs, ponds and lakes.

Location: North of Interstate 65 at the juncture of Baldwin and Mobile Counties
Mgmt. Objectives: habitat conservation and outdoor recreation
Date Acquired: North Delta: 6/12/99 Clearwater: 10/5/99
Property Value: approximately \$19,300,250

- 16. THE RUFFNER MOUNTAIN ADDITION TRACT** in Jefferson County consists of 227 acres of mountainous pine-upland hardwood forest land contiguous to the grounds and facilities of the Ruffner Mountain Nature Center. This tract, surrounded by the densely populated greater Birmingham metro area, provides tremendous opportunities for environmental education and outdoor recreation.

Location: T17S, R2W, Parts of Sections 12 & 13
T17S, R1W, Parts of Section 7
Mgmt. Objectives: environmental education and outdoor recreation
Date Acquired: June 13, 2000
Property Value: approximately \$568,150

- 17. THE BAYOU CANOT TRACT** in Mobile County consists of 1,933 acres of various wetland habitats in the west-central portion of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta; just south of Interstate 65. A \$1,000,000 grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Program permitted this purchase of unique habitats essential for avian conservation, as well as several rare, threatened species of plants and animals.

Location: T2S, R1E, Parts of Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 17, 19 & 20
Mgmt. Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: November 2, 2000
Property Value: approximately \$1,471,500

18. **THE INDIAN MOUNTAIN- GARNER TRACT** in Cherokee County consists of 80 acres of mountainous upland hardwood forest land along a route which will permit the connection of the Pinhoti Trail in the Talladega National Forest of Alabama with the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia. This tract serves as an addition to acquisition # 7, which concludes purchase of all tracts originally nominated for this project.

Location: T12S, R11E, Section 1
Mgmt. Objectives: Facilitate long-distance hiking and other compatible, conservation uses
Date Acquired: December 3, 2001
Property Value: approximately \$41,500

19. **THE SALCO AND MIDDLE RIVER TRACTs** in Mobile County consists of 1,764 acres of various wetland habitats in the west-central portion of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta; just north of Interstate 65. A \$1,000,000 grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Program permitted this purchase of unique habitats essential for avian conservation, as well as several rare, threatened species of plants and animals.

Location: T1N, R1E, Parts of Sections 52, 29, 30, 31, 32
T1S, R1E, Parts of Sections 34, 48, 38, 3, 40, 27
Mgmt. Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: December 10, 2001
Property Value: approximately \$906,600

20. **THE LAUDERDALE AND FREEDOM HILLS WMA TRACT ADDITIONS** in Northwest Alabama. This 31,414 acre acquisition provides for 21 tracts that serve as public land additions to two Wildlife Management Areas which have been experiencing recent declines in acreage due to loss of leased land: 8 tracts totaling about 5,114 acres in Lauderdale County and 13 tracts totaling about 26,300 acres in Colbert County.

Location: multiple locations South and North of the Tennessee River.
Mgmt. Objectives: Public hunting and habitat conservation
Date Acquired: December 28, 2001
Property Value: approximately \$17,000,000

21. **THE MIDDLE RIVER-WEST TRACT** in Mobile County adjoins the similarly named acquisition shown under tract #19. This purchase provides an additional 1,423 acres to the complex of wetlands acquired within the Mobile-Tensaw Delta since 1999. This acquisition was assisted by funds secured through the Environmental Section of the Alabama Attorney General's Office.

Location: T1N, R1E, Parts of Sections 52, 29, 30, 31, 32
T1S, R1E, Parts of Sections 34, 48, 38, 3, 40, 27
Mgmt. Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: June 28, 2002

Property Value: approximately \$640,350

- 22. THE SIPSEY - ROBERTSON TRACT** addition in Tuscaloosa County consists of approximately 280 acres. This property adjoins the acquisition shown under tract #14, which is 2,998 acres of bottomland hardwood forest and swamp lands along the flood plains of the Sipsey River.

Location: T21S, R12W, NE/4 of Section 28
T21S, R12W, NE/4 of NW/4 of Section 27
T21S, R12W, W1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 27
Mgmt. Objectives habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired August 29, 2002
Property Value approximately \$224,000

- 23. WEEKS BAY TRACTS** in Baldwin County consist of a 91 acre parcel and a 19.467 acre parcel. These tracts, which are largely comprised of forest and marsh wetland habitats, were acquired with financial support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, through the National Coastal Wetlands program.

Location: T7S, R3E, NW/Corner of Section 7
T7S, R2E, S1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 23
Mgmt. Objectives habitat conservation and education
Date Acquired September 26, 2002
Property Value approximately \$120,250

- 24. THE GRAND BAY SAVANNA ADDITION TRACT** in Mobile County consists of 662 acres of coastal marsh, maritime forest and piney flatwoods, which were acquired with financial support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, through the National Coastal Wetlands program. This tract serves as an addition to the property acquired in 1996, all of which is being managed as a nature preserve.

Location: T7S, R3W, parts of Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31& 39; and T8S, R3W, Section 5
Mgmt. Objectives: Conservation of coastal wetland & maritime forest ecosystems, passive recreation, environmental education, scientific research
Date Acquired: November 18, 2002
Property Value: approximately \$821,393

- 25. THE MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA-MCMILLAN 1 TRACT** In Baldwin County consists of 181 acres wetlands dominated by flood prone hardwood timber lying between Tensaw River and Tensaw Lake. A \$1,000,000 grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Program permitted this purchase of unique habitats essential for avian conservation, as well as several rare, threatened species of plants and animals.

Location: T1N, R2E, west 1/2 of fractional Section 29
Mgmt Oobjectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: January 6, 2003
Property Value: \$169,250

26. **SHOAL CREEK PRESERVE TRACT** in Lauderdale County consists of approximately 298 acres. Habitats across the site include fallow fields, mature upland hardwood stands and scenic creek bottoms. Waterways consist of Indian Camp Creek, Lawson Creek, Jones Branch, and Shoal Creek.

Location: T1S, R10W, Section 32 and T2S, R10W, Section 5 & 6
Mgmt Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: February 26, 2003
Property value: \$900,000

27. **THE MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA-MCMILLAN 2 & 3 TRACTS** in Baldwin County consist of tract #2, 151 acres, and tract #3, 308 acres of wetlands dominated by flood prone hardwood timber adjoining previously purchased land along Bottle Creek and Mifflin Lake. A \$1,000,000 grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Program permitted this purchase of unique habitats essential for avian conservation, as well as several rare, threatened species of plants and animals.

Location: 151 acre Tract- T1S, R1E, Section 1
308 acre tract- Northern Half Section 7, T1S, R2E
Mgmt Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: March 15, 2003
Property Value: Tract 2- \$60,400, Tract 3- \$217,200

28. **THE SIPSEY RANDOLPH TRACT** in Tuscaloosa County consists of approximately 153 acres dominated by flat river bottomland, and is bisected by old Highway 82 on the north end. The Sipsey River traverses the northwest corner of the property. The property adjoins the original Sipsey River Swamp tract acquired in 1999, and provides the public with a new point of road and river access to these state lands.

Location: 153 acre Tract- T21S, R12W, S 2 & 3
Mgmt Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation and education
Date Acquired: April 4, 2003
Property Value: \$122,400

29. **THE LILLIAN SWAMP SOUTH ADDITION** in Baldwin County consists of approximately 238 acres of a 644 acre tract of pine savannah wetland habitat, adjacent Perdido Bay, that is being managed as a nature preserve. The remainder of the tract was acquired by the State Lands Division through Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds, provided through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA).

Location: 238 acres- T7S, R6E, S13, 18
Mgmt Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, scientific research and education
Date Acquired: August 19, 2003
Property Value: \$297,850

30. **SPLINTER HILL BOG-BEN MAY TRUST** in Baldwin County consists of approximately 363 acres of a 726 acre tract of longleaf pine and bog habitat, at the headwaters of the Perdido River. The tract is being managed as a nature preserve to forward the conservation of these rare natural communities. The remainder of the tract was acquired by the State Lands Division through Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds, provided through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA).

Location: 363.49 acres- T1N, R4E, S21
T1N, R4E, S28

Mgmt Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, scientific research and education

Date Acquired: September 24, 2003

Property Value: \$363,065.77

31. **LILLIAN SWAMP-CANEY BAYOU TRACT** in Baldwin County consists of 320 acres of pine savannah wetland habitat, adjacent the Perdido River and upper Perdido Bay, that is being managed as a nature preserve.

Location: 320 acres - T7S, R6E, S12W1/2

Mgmt Objectives: habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, scientific research and education

Date Acquired: November 8, 2003

Property Value: \$289,800.00

32. **COLDWATER MOUNTAIN ADDITION-MCCARTNEY TRACT** in Calhoun County consists of 280 acres of mixed pine-hardwood forest near Anniston and Oxford. This addition to the Coldwater Mountain tract was acquired through a 2 for 1 property exchange. The Forever Wild Land Trust Board approved the exchange of 141 acres for the MacCartney Tracts 280 acres. This addition provides additional access to the now 4,063 acres of public land on Coldwater Mountain.

Location: 280 acres - T16S, R7E, S24 NW1/4, N1/2 of SW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4

Mgmt Objectives: Outdoor recreation

Date Acquired: December 3, 2003

Property Value: \$168,000.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRACTS ACQUIRED TO DATE:	32
TOTAL ACREAGE:	89,805
TOTAL OF TRACT PROPERTY VALUES (at time of purchase):	\$56,267,963